

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this Application:

1. (Currently Amended) A pre-applied outer layer material for automotive interior trim, suitable for adhering to a molded article wherein the back surface of the outer layer material has applied thereto a hotmelt having (A) an amorphous poly( $\alpha$ -olefin) having a melting viscosity in the range of 500 - 100,000 mPa·s/190°C, (B) a tackifier resin having a softening point determined by the ring and ball method of not lower than 110°C, and (C) a polypropylene wax having a melting point of not lower than 120°C as main components thereof and having a weight ratio of (A) to (C) in the range of 100/50 - 100/100, wherein said hotmelt is exposed on said back surface and wherein said hotmelt provides an adhesive surface after being heated.

2. (Previously Presented) A pre-applied outer layer material according to claim 1, wherein said outer layer material for automotive interior trim is formed solely of a surface layer material and said hotmelt is directly applied to the back surface of said outer layer material.

3. (Previously Presented) A pre-applied outer layer material according to claim 1, wherein said outer layer material for automotive interior trim is formed of a surface layer material and a polyolefin foam layer joined to the back surface of the surface layer material by adhesion or thermal fusion and said hotmelt is applied to the surface of said polyolefin foam layer.

4. (Original) A pre-applied outer layer material according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of (A) the amorphous poly( $\alpha$ -olefin)/(B) the tackifier resin is in the range of 100/10 - 100/100.

5. (Original) A pre-applied outer layer material according to claim 1, wherein the thickness of said hotmelt applied to the outer layer material is in the range of 10 - 500  $\mu$ m.

6. (Previously Presented) A pre-applied outer layer material according to claim 4, wherein said hotmelt further contains not more than 30 weight % of a polyolefin based on the weight of said hotmelt.

7. (Previously presented) A pre-applied outer layer material according to claim 1, wherein said outer layer material is formed solely of a thermoplastic sheet or fibrous material or is formed by laminating a polyolefin foam thereon.

8. (Currently Amended) A pre-applied outer layer material for automotive interior trim, wherein the back surface of ~~said automotive interior trim~~the outer layer material has applied thereto a hotmelt having (A) an amorphous poly( $\alpha$ -olefin) having a melting viscosity in the range of 500 - 100,000 mPa·s/190°C, (B) a tackifier resin having a softening point determined by the ring and ball method of not lower than 110°C, and (C) a polypropylene wax having a melting point of not lower than 120°C as main components, having a weight ratio of (A) to (C) in the range of 100/50 - 100/100, and having a weight ratio of (A) the amorphous poly( $\alpha$ -olefin)/(B) the tackifier resin in the range of 100/10 - 100/100, wherein said hotmelt forms a layer and remains exposed on said back surface and wherein said hotmelt provides an adhesive surface after being heated.

9. (Previously Presented) A pre-applied outer layer material according to claim 8, wherein the weight ratio of (A)/(C) is in the range of 100/50 – 100/80 and the weight ratio of (A)/(B) is in the range of 100/30 – 100/60.

10. (Previously Presented) A pre-applied outer layer material according to claim 8, wherein said automotive interior trim is formed solely of a surface layer material and said hotmelt is directly applied to the back surface of said surface layer material.

11. (Previously Presented) A pre-applied outer layer material according to claim 8, wherein said automotive interior trim is formed of a surface layer material and a polyolefin foam layer joined by adhesion to the back surface of the surface layer material and said hotmelt is applied to the surface of said polyolefin foam layer.

12. (Withdrawn) A method for the production of an automotive interior trim, comprising the steps of applying a pre-applied outer layer material set forth in claim 1 to a molded object and subjecting the pre-applied outer layer material and the molded object to vacuum forming adhesion without heating the molded object.